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(*Washington, D.C.*)- Today, Congressman Sires offered congratulations to the Stevens Institute of Technology's Center for Innovation in Engineering and Science Education (CIESE) being named a 2011 recipient of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring awarded annually by the White House. CIESE was one of only 4 organizations and 11 individuals to receive this prestigious award.

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring acknowledge the critical role that mentoring programs play in developing the next generation of scientists and engineers, particularly in groups that are typically underrepresented in those fields.

"CIESE is a worthy recipient of this award and excellent example of how mentors can cultivate a

diverse array of students to take interest in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education,” said Congressman Sires. “For more than two decades, CIESE has facilitated over 30,000 educators and hundreds of thousands of students with professional development programs and innovative curricula to enhance STEM education.”

Beth McGrath, Senior Research Associate and Executive Director at CIESE, accepted the award at the White House today on behalf of Stevens Institute.

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